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SUBJECT: V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS

1. NATO AMBASSADORS AND CHARGES MET MAY 6 AT REQUEST OF NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR TO COORDINATE RESPONSES TO A NUMBER OF INVITATIONS WHICH ALL HAD RECEIVED TO VARIOUS V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS. GREEK AND PORTUGUESE AMBASSADORS WERE ABSENT AND NOT REPRESENTED. FRENCH, AS USUAL, DID NOT ATTEND BUT HAD REQUESTED THEY BE INFORMED OF DECISIONS REACHED.

2. IT WAS AGREED THAT NONE OF AMBASSADORS PRESENT WOULD ATTEND OR SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO CZECH RECEPTION MAY 7 "IN HONOR OF LIBERATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC BY THE SOVIET ARMY". THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN WITHOUT INPUT
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FROM THE U.S. SIDE WHICH WAS REACHED ONLY TOWARD END OF POLL.

E. THERE WAS UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT NOT TO ATTEND EVENT AT PALACE OF CULTURE AUDITORIUM AFTERNOON OF MAY 7 SPONSORED BY THE POLISH FRONT FOR NATIONAL UNITY HONORING THE "30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC". MOST AMBASSADORS PRESENT SAID THEY NORMALLY DID NOT ATTEND THESE OCCASIONS ANYWAY SINCE THE FRONT FOR NATIONAL UNITY WAS A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.

4. ALL PRESENT EXCEPT THE WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR INDICATED AN INTENTION TO ATTEND OR SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO A RECEPTION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE POLISH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON MAY 8 HONORING "30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VICTORY OVER HITLERITE FASCISM." THE FRG AMBASSADOR SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO ATTEND ONLY RELIGIOUS EVENTS AND THAT IN ANY CASE HE WOULD BE AWAY ON THE 8TH AND 9TH MAY. HE MADE NO REPRESENTATIONS TO OTHERS PRESENT REQUESTING THEM TO REFRAIN FROM ATTENDING ANY OF THE EVENTS DISCUSSED.

5. ALL PRESENT INDICATED THEY WOULD ATTEND OR BE REPRESENTED AT AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE POLISH SEJM MAY 9 TO COMMEMORATE "30TH ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY OVER FASCISM". THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR REMARKED THAT THIS MIGHT BE THE OCCASION ON WHICH REMARKS OFFENSIVE TO WEST GERMANS COULD BE EXPECTED. THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT GIEREK WOULD SPEAK AND THAT THE CONTENT OF HIS REMARKS ON GERMANY WOULD BE VERY MILD.

6. ALL PRESENT EXCEPT THE WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR AGREED THAT THEY WOULD ATTEND WITH MILITARY ATTACHES A SOVIET RECEPTION MAY 9 COMMEMORATING THE "30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SMASHING OF HITLERITE FASCISM".
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